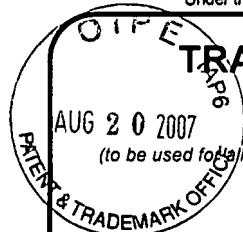


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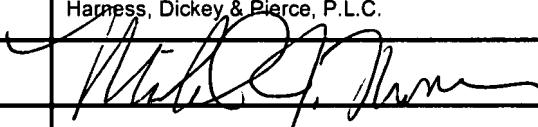
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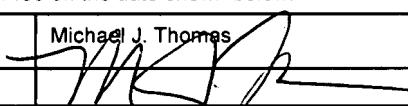
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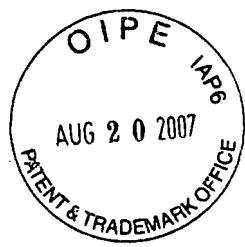
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In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2007, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

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